



For generous MARAD employees, charity begins at work Key workers raise almost \$2,000 extra for this year's CFC

— by Perquita Scott, public affairs specialist —

The Maritime Administration kicked off its Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) on October 27, with a program celebrating a season of giving hosted by Maritime Administrator Sean T. Connaughton. Also speaking at the event was Linda Washington, the Department of Transportation's Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

The event emphasis was on participating and contributing to help others in need. This year's National Capital Area CFC theme urged federal employees to "Be a Star in Someone's Life" by becoming a contributor to the annual fund drive.

To assist in reaching this year's CFC goal, MARAD key workers decided to hold fundraisers. Fundraising began on November 7, with a "CFC Extravaganza!" Open to the entire department, this event included a hot dog lunch sale, a baked goods-sale, an indoor yard sale and raffles—all held simultaneously.

The November success helped key workers decide to hold another unique event the following month.

On December 5 the key workers hosted a "dueling lunch menu" with a soup-and-sandwich sale taking

place on one side of the room while a freshly grilled hot dog sale was taking place on the other side of the same room.

The lunchtime events raised over \$1,979 toward this year's overall MARAD goal of \$54,590.

"When all the numbers are added up, we expect to have reached or exceeded our agency's goal," said Kathy Thomas, MARAD's 2006 CFC coordinator.

Of course, MARAD extends a sincere "thank you" and a hearty "well done" to all of this year's CFC key workers: Gertrude Benally, Ronald Parker, Patrick Carlton, Todd Ripley, Veronica Carver, Jan Downing, Cynthia Rollins-Bearor, Elizabeth Hawkins, Perquita Scott, Kenneth Kirwan, Daniel Ladd, Patricia Thomas, Helen Littleton; Yvonne Washington, Cynthia Mackey, Bobby Meeks, Chris Moore and John Massey. *(See the group photo on page 2.)*

Special thanks goes to Ruth Develbis, Lolita Cooper, Lisa Green, Frances Jerry, Harley Evelyn, Danielle Bennett, Carol Powers, Rita Thomas, Michelle Reed and Chavarria Harris, for their support.

And a sincere "thank you" goes to all the generous MARAD contributors who help to make the campaign successful. They truly are "stars in someone's life!"



Helen Littleton grills hot dogs while Chavarria Harris and Veronica Carver serve hungry customers during a MARAD CFC lunchtime event Dec. 5, 2006, at the agency's D.C. headquarters.



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Frances Jerry serves soup with smiles during the MARAD Dec. 5 charity luncheon for CFC, a combined soup, sandwich and hot dog sale.